IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Title of the Invention

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a 371 application of PCT/FR00/01670 filed June 16, 2000.

Field of the Invention

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Discussion of Related Art

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Summary of the Invention

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 illustrates the presence of the 35 RNAs of the various isoforms of HLA-G in psoriasis lesions.

Figure 2 illustrates the presence of the 35 RNAs of the various isoforms in healthy skin for comparison to Fig. 1.

Figure 3 illustrates the presence of the RNA specific for the HLA—G5 isoform in psoriasis lesions, compared with healthy skin.

Figure 4 illustrates the inhibitory activity of the HLA-G isoforms on *natural killer* cells (NK cells) present in peripheral blood; this figure comprises, on the x—axis, the isoform studied and, on the y—axis, the percentage specific lysis. M8 cells (HLA class I, 10 class 11 melanoma line cells) transfected either with the vector alone (M8-pCDNA) (Invitrogen) or with the vectors containing the cDNA encoding HLA-G1 (M8-HLA- Gi), the cDNA encoding HLA-G2 (M8-HLA-G2), the cDNA encoding HLA-G3 (M8-HLA-G3) or the cDNA encoding HLA-G4 15 (M8-HLA—G4) are used as targets (T). Peripheral blood monoclear cells, PBMCs, are used as effector cells (E) The results are expressed as percentage lysis, recorded in 4 h in a chromium 51(51Cr)—release assay.
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Figure 5 illustrates the inhibitory activity of the HLA-G isoforms on a CD8+ T lymphocyte line restricted for HLA—A2 presenting a viral peptide originating from the matrix of the influenza virus, positions 58 to 66; this figure comprises, on the x-axis, the isoform 25 studied and on tlie y-axis, the percentage specific lysis; the effector cell/target cell ratio is 15:1.

Detailed Description of the Invention

On page 13, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The PCR products are then transferred onto a nylon 25 membrane *(~~Hybond N~~* HYBOND™ N+, Amersham) and hybridized with a radiolabeled probe, and the intensity of the hybridization signal is quantified by densitometry.

At page 24, please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.